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SUBJ: PRESIDENT TRAORE ON ANGOLA

1. PRESIDENT TRAORE OF MALI TOOK OPPORTUNITY DEC. 30 TO INCLUDE HARD-HITTING STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR MPLA IN HIS REPLY TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO THE CHIEF OF STATE. WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION DRAWN UP BEHIND HIM, AND THE CIVILIAN MINISTERS BEHIND THEM, TRAORE STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT GAVE UNSWERVING SUPPORT TO THE "GOVERNMENT" OF M. AUGUSTINO NETO. HE REAFFIRMED MALI'S INTENTION TO SUPPORT THE MPLA AGAINST THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, RACISM AND REACTION. HE CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, AND THOSE SUPPORTING THEM, AND ADDED FORCEFULLY THAT MALI WOULD TAKE WHATEVER STEPS WERE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE MPLA.

2. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON ANGOLA STOOD OUT SINCE THE REMAINDER OF HIS SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO GENERALITIES AND PLEASANTRIES. WE CAN ASSUME THAT THEY WERE MEANT TO BE TAKEN AS HIS GOVERNMENT'S DEFINITIVE REPLY TO THIS EMBASSY'S
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